

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Device suitable for internally supporting vessels, in particular circular vessels in the non-medical and medical fields, such as transmission pipes and blood vessels, the urinary tract, the digestive tract, and airways. The device includes an outer wall and an inner wall in association with the outer wall. Both the inner and outer wall are expandable and contractible between an expanded support position, in which support position the outer wall contacts an internal surface of the vessel to be supported, and a contracted displacing position wherein the device is displaceable to and from a pre-desired location in the vessel. The device further includes a releasable lock releasibly locking the device in the expanded support position and/or the contracted displacing position.

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